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1. Monarchist organizations in Spain received orders some time prior to mid-December 1948 to suspend their activities until May 1949. Don Juan, according to the informant, asked for a free hand during the interim period. General FRANCO, at the interview aboard the yacht "Azor," reportedly had requested that agitation on the part of Don Juan's followers be stopped. Don Juan agreed to a suspension of Monarchist activities, setting May as the deadline for FRANCO'S compliance with his promises. These promises, source gathered, involved the disappearance of the Falange and preparation for the Pretender's coming to Spain.
2. Mixed motives prompted the sending of the Infante Juan Carlos to Spain, according to the informant. Don Juan wished to promote confusion and discord in the Falange, while FRANCO'S intent was to achieve a Monarchist rapprochement, at the same time giving the Anglo-Saxon powers an impression of Spanish progressiveness and tolerance. Prior to the Prince's return to Portugal for the Christmas holidays, he visited the Pardo. FRANCO reportedly was very solicitous and sentimental over separating him from his family, but said that he hoped that the separation would last only a short time.
3. With revision of licenses as a pretext, the Falangist Franco Guard and the "Old Shirt" organization are being disarmed, according to the informant.
4. Ramon SERRANO Suñer reportedly offered his services to the Monarchists in the early autumn, saying that he had learned the error of totalitarianism and the soundness of democracy. The offer was refused.

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